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## HEAVY HAND OF UNCLE SAM COMES DOWN ON VIOLATORS OF THE WHITE SLAVE LAW

*Disclosures Made by the Chicago Vice Commission May Lead to a Vast Improvement of Vice Conditions in Chicago—But There is Much More the Local Authorities Can Do.*

While the local police department has been mussing things up in the levey and scattering vice where it wouldn't be noticeable to the naked eye, Uncle Sam has stepped in and tackled one of the causes of vice—one of the sources of supply.

The arrest by U. S. deputy marshals of "Dutch" Heitler, brother of "Mike de Pike" Heitler, and Charles Hirsh, one of his lieutenants, for violation of the federal law prohibiting trafficking in women, looks as if Uncle Sam means business.

The specific charge is that these "men" sent six women from one state to another in immoral trade.

This action of the U. S. government may or may not be the result of disclosures made by the Chicago Vice Commission, but the vice report investigated this white slave traffic and reported the result of the investigation.

When the Vice Commission set out to investigate existing conditions in Chicago, George J. Kneeland was secured as Director of Investigation, to take charge of the investigation, organize the work and assist in the preparation of the final report. Concerning him the vice report says:

"Mr. Kneeland is a college graduate, a social worker of experience, and has had charge of important investigations in other cities. It was in connection with the work of the Research Committee of the Committee of Fourteen of New York, for which he had charge of the field investigation, that the Commission came in touch with him. The Commission desires to express the deep obligation which the Commission and the community are under for his painstaking, efficient and conscientious efforts, and the Commission does so in these, its opening paragraphs.

"Trained expert investigators, both men and women, highly